



**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in more than 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year; and

**WHEREAS**, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at National Cancer Institute/Department of Pediatric Oncology in Bethesda, John Hopkins Children's Hospital, Herman and Walter Samuelson Children's Hospital at Sinai in Baltimore, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

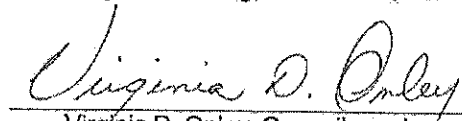
**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies, community Get Well cards and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE** do hereby recognize the week of December 21 -27, 2014 as CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK, and call upon the people of Rockville to join their fellow citizens in the community and across the region to spread the word and participate in this special observance.

  
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